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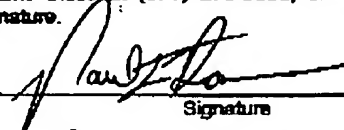
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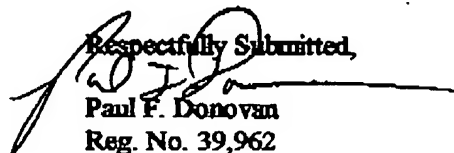
AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2006. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be allowed for the reasons set forth below. No extension of time in which to file a response is believed necessary. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required as set forth below. No additional claim fee is due. Please debit any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 09-0025 as may be required in connection with the submission of this Amendment. **IN NO EVENT CAN THE ISSUE FEE BE CHARGED TO THE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.**

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